

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1 1. (Three-Times Amended) A billiard cue comprising:
2 a shaft having a wall with an outer surface and a tip end and an
3 opposed end, a hollow, void bore extending from the tip end for at least a
4 predetermined distance along the length of the shaft toward the opposed end [to
5 reduce] and terminating in an end located in proximity with the tip end of the shaft,
6 the bore reducing the mass of the tip end to minimize cue ball deflection on impact
7 with the cue.

1 12. (Amended) The billiard cue of claim [1] 13 further comprising:
2 a lightweight, non-structural material disposed in at least a portion of
3 the bore.

1 13. (Amended) A billiard cue comprising:
2 a shaft having a wall with an outer surface and a tip end and an
3 opposed end, a hollow bore extending from the tip end for at least a predetermined
4 distance along the length of the shaft toward the opposed end to reduce the mass of
5 the tip end to minimize cue ball deflection on impact with the cue, the bore devoid of
6 material having a weight [lighter] heavier than the material forming the shaft
7 surrounding the bore.